

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, and 11 are independent.

Applicants have added new dependent Claims 14-16 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and Drawings, and are believed to be allowable for the reasons to be developed below.

With respect to the objection to the specification, Applicants are currently unaware of the serial numbers set forth in the specification. As soon as those serial numbers become available, Applicants will so-advise the Examiner.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 USC § 101. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the ground that Claim 12 recites proper statutory subject matter. Nevertheless, this claim has been amended for clarity with respect to the specification and Drawings, and not in response to any statutory requirement.

Claims 1-13 were rejected as being unpatentable over Magedanz and Dynarski, for the reasons noted at pages 2-8 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

Each of independent Claims 1, 10, and 11 recites a novel combination of structure and/or steps including, *inter*

alia, modular connection management software including a connection management software proxy for each of (i) a first user terminal, (ii) a second user terminal, and (iii) a telecommunications server. Each of the connection management software proxies includes at least one user reactor object and at least one connection agent. Each of the connection management software proxies is operable to establish a connection between controlling applications executing on the user terminals, whereby the user reactor objects react to events and, where required, instantiate a connection object and evolve into a connection agent which becomes responsible for the connection for the duration of the connection.

In contrast none of Magedanz and Dynarski (taken individually or in combination) discloses or suggest the unique claimed combinations of features noted above. Accordingly, the salient claimed features of the present invention are nowhere disclosed or suggested by the cited art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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